

**Executive Order 2008-27**  
**Establishing Arizona Community College Council**

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's community colleges play a critical role in meeting workforce demand by providing a pathway for students to complete certificates and associate's degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's community colleges serve as an entry point for many students seeking bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's community colleges serve diverse student populations, including those student groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education institutions and adult re-entry students; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's locally-governed community colleges seek opportunities to collaborate and cooperate with one another, other education institutions, and Arizona's business community; and

**WHEREAS**, the State's community colleges are an integral part of the State's preschool through post-secondary education system and will play an important role in strengthening and aligning the various education systems, consistent with the Governor's P-20 Council's recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona is in need of a forum through which the State's ten community college districts will be able to regularly coordinate their efforts to meet State education and workforce goals;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby create the Arizona Community College Council ("Council") and order as follows:

1. The Governor shall appoint members to the Council to serve at the pleasure of the Governor without compensation. The membership of the Council shall include:
  - The chief executive officer of each of the state's ten community college districts, Dine College and Tohono O'odham Community College;
  - One member of a community college district governing board, representing community college districts serving a county with a population of fewer than 500,000;
  - One member of a community college district governing board, representing community college districts serving a county with a population of at least or more than 500,000;
  - Not more than three members who represent business, industry, and/or philanthropy, of which at least one member must be a resident of a county with a population of fewer than 500,000.

Population shall be determined by the most recent decennial or mid-decennial census as certified by the United States Bureau of the Census.

2. The duties of the Council shall be as follows:

- Support a seamless education system and foster collaboration with other education entities in the State and with the business community to prepare students for college and the workforce.
- Develop a recommendation for long-term coordination and governance of the State's community colleges that recognizes the need for system wide coordination of the State's colleges, universities, and private institutions, and balances governance by locally elected boards.
- Propose revisions of the higher education funding mechanisms, formulated in partnership with the Governor's P-20 Council, the Arizona Board of Regents and others.
- Improve, in partnership with the Arizona Board of Regents and others, transfer and articulation of community college credits to ensure that a greater number of community college credits count towards a bachelor's degree, consistent with the Governor's P-20 Council's recommendations.
- Establish standards for the exchange of data between the community college districts and the other education institutions of this State as new data collection and tracking systems are established, including a longitudinal data system.
- Establish statewide goals for the community colleges and development of accountability and performance measures related to the same; and
- Support expansion of dual enrollment in the State, in partnership with the K-12 sector, the Governor's Office, and the Governor's P-20 Council.

3. Members may not send designees or proxies to represent them at Council meetings. Members who miss more than three consecutive council meetings are subject to replacement at the sole discretion of the Governor and, in the case of a replacement for the chief executive officer of a community college district, the Governor shall appoint an employee of the community college district.

4. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson who shall serve one-year terms.

5. Upon availability of funds, the Council may hire support staff to work with the Governor's Office and P-20 Council.

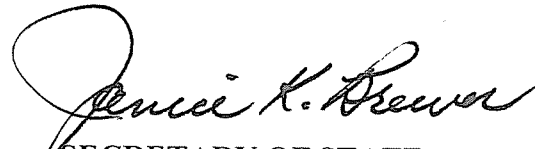
6. The Council may form committees and sub-committees as necessary, as approved by the Governor's Office, both of which may include non-Council members.
7. The Council shall meet at least four times per year.
8. The Council shall sunset on June 30, 2010 unless renewed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on the 17th day of September in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Third.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

